

**HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 20, 2018**

**Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045**

**ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES:** Chinwe Adetula, Tsega Amhatsion, Mark Donovan, Robert Ehrhardt, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Tanya Joyner, Jack Kavanagh, Bruce MacDonald, Carol Robinson, Ivan Montoya, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Meghan Skaggs, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Jennifer Van Blarcom, Linda Zumbrun, and Judge Ricardo Zwaig

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**AUTHORITY STAFF:** Marianne Gibson and Heather Moore

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Barbara Allen, Tom Allen, Jack Altfather

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests. Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The June 20, 2018 Agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The May 16, 2018 Minutes were approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CURRENT TOPICS AND ADAAB ACTION ITEMS:** Provided by Roe/Marianne

In the spring of 2017, the County Executive's office organized a Behavioral Health Integration Workgroup to decide how to integrate the Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health and the Howard County Mental Health Authority (HCMHA). The workgroup voted to integrate the HCMHA into the Health Department. A transition committee was formed and has been meeting to work through the integration process. The integration implementation date is July 1, 2018. With this integration, a new behavioral health board will be formed and the ADAAB and HCMHA boards will sunset. Four members volunteered from each board to create a subcommittee to determine the structure of the new board. A new behavioral health board named the Howard County Local Behavioral Health Authority (HCLBHA) Board will be formed July 1, 2018, and the ADAAB and HCMHA boards will sunset June 30, 2018. The HCLBHA Board will include a membership of 24 (16 Appointed/8 Ex-Officio). An importance of consumer/family member representation was a key focus in the development of the new board. The new HCLBHA Board membership will include 6 Consumers, 6 Family Members, 2 Professional/Provider/Advocates, and 2 At Large. By-laws, roles/duties, and voting rights were approved by a vote. Members are being considered for the new HCLBHA Board. Forward any

interested individuals to Joan or Roe. The County Executive's office will be recruiting and appointing the new members.

In November, ADAAB voted to fund start-up implement costs for Guiding Good Choices (GGC). Funds were used to partially support a pilot of the program. GGC is an evidence-based parent prevention program that teaches parents of children age 9-14 how to reduce the risk that their children developing problems associated with drug/alcohol use. In March, the Health Department trained 20 individuals across 11 agencies to be GGC facilitators. Each facilitator committed to conducting a minimum of 2 cycles of GGC by the end of FY19. Liesele is the contact person for the project. She will be sending out recruitment materials for facilitators to utilize.

Howard County's Opioid Response Related Activities Chart was discussed and member's feedback was added to the chart. Members were asked if they wanted to continue receiving updates about what is happening in the county. An "opt out" vote was conducted and everyone present elected to continue receiving emailed information.

**Other Unfinished Business:**

ADAAB has served as a coalition for HC DrugFree since the nonprofit was awarded an Alcohol Grant several years ago. Joan will contact members to verify their interest in remaining involved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Roe listed upcoming trainings and events. Information was shared via email to the members.

Since this was the final ADAAB meeting, members were issued appreciation certificates from the County Executive's Office. Joan thanked members for their years of service. Joan as the chair was given an appreciation certificate, as well as, an award for serving as the chair for 8 consecutive years.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.